also aware of the hardship of these important village officers. Let a committee of officials and non-officials be appointed to enquire into the grievances of Shanbhogs and Patels and let specific recommendations be invited from this committee. Government may then pass suitable orders early on these recommendations and the subject will then have been disposed of once for all The matter should not be allowed to drag on as hitherto. Something should be done to improve the lot of these village officers.

Note.—The subject was noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 8.

Toties and Talaries.

Messrs. (1) Ibrahimkhan and Narasimhaiya, Sira Taluk; (2) Kenchappa, Holalkere Taluk; Basavannappa, Davangere Taluk and Viraiya, Hiriyur Taluk and (3) Naraharaiya, Nelamangala Taluk, and Chikka Guruva Reddi, Bangalore Taluk.

(1) Final orders have not been passed on the grant of *miras* to Toties and Talaries. Orders may be issued early.

(2) As the raiyats are not paying *miras* to Toties and Talaries regularly, their difficulties are enormous. Unless a fixed pay is given to them, no work can be got out of them.

(3) The burden of paying *miras* to Toties and Talaries should not be thrown on the raiyats who are hard pressed in these days. It is better that some salary is fixed for them.

The present day conditions do not allow the old system to be changed. People are already heavily burdened and it is not possible for them to pay more than what they are doing now. All collections are made by the efforts of Patels and Shanbhogs. Further, these Totis and Talaris are enjoying *Inamtis*. If it pleases Government, they may confirm the *inamtis* but our prayer is not to change the present system.

Dewan.—Orders have been issued on 15th October 1920.

SUBJECT No. 9.

Abolition of the Irrigation cess.

Messrs. (1) Mir Mahomed Sab, Tarikere Taluk; Hoskoppa Krishna Rao, Koppa Taluk; Honnaiya Heggade, Malnad Landholders' Association; Chennakesava Rao, Koppa Taluk and C. Srinivasa Rao, Kadur District Board; (2) N. Srinivasa Udapa, Nagar Taluk, Nadig Bhaskara Rao, Nadig Lakshmana Rao, Nadig Seetaramappa, Sorab Taluk and (3) B. Srinivasa Iyengar and R. Subba Rao, Anekal Taluk, Gubbiah, Anekal

Mr. Mir Mohammed Sab.—The imposition of the irrigation cess after re-survey has caused enormous difficulties to the poor, Government are aware of the difficulties of raising crops during these days of scanty rainfall. If Government can only guarantee crops, we will not have the slightest objection to pay the cess not only at ½ anna but even at 2 annas per rupee. No sort of benefit is derived from this fund but still people are forced to pay all the same. If water is supplied during one year, there will be no supply for four years or more. Even the D. P. W., who are spending thousands of rupees are not able to supply us regularly with water. As such, nothing more can be expected of the ryots.

Municipality, Setti Basappa, Hoskote Municipality and Guruva Reddi, Bangalore Taluk.

Mr. Hoskoppa Krishna Rao.—In addition to the usual assessment, the Irrigation cess has been imposed after re-survey. Most of our lands are cultivated by rain water and there is no justification whatsoever for the imposition of this cess. People are burdened heavily on account of this cess. To add to it, the conditions of the present days are also not encouraging. In Bombay and other places assessment is recovered only after supplying adequate water, while here people are not only forced to pay the assessment but also the irrigation cess.

Dewan.—The matter will be considered.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao.—As soon as the object for which a cess is levied is accomplished, the cess should be removed. The supari cess was intended for combating *kole roga*.

Second Member of Council.—It is not expressly stated that the cess is levied only for *kole roga*.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao.—It was said at the Representative Assembly that the cess was for *kole roga*. No scientific research which is necessary and which is not known to the malnad raiyat has been made. Money required for scientific research could be got out of the interest on the sums collected, till now.

Second Member of Council.—For malnad farms, money is necessary.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao.—Even before Dr. Coleman came and said that spraying should be done to prevent *kole roga*, one or two representatives have come and told the Assembly that spraying should be done.

Second Member of Council.—Some laboratory experiments have also been made.

Mr. C. Vasudeva Rao.—There is disease for every crop for ragi, coriander, garlic, etc. Why should there be a supari cess to be collected in the malnad and used for other parts also ?

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao.—Why should there be a tax for the malnad only ? At first a book was prepared on *kole roga* and distributed to raiyats. What became of the experiments since, has not been stated. There are various practical difficulties. Spraying is no new thing.

Second Member of Council.—In my tours in Tirthahalli, Shimoga and Sagar Taluks, I found there

was *kole roga* and people wanted spraying. I did see the spraying myself.

Mr. H. Krishna Sastry.—Some rules are introduced in the *maidan* regarding areca garden *bagayet.*

Revenue Commissioner.—When there are four areca trees, it is not considered as *bagayet.* The rules may have been misapplied. If individual cases are brought to notice, a circular will be issued for the proper enforcement of the rules.

Dewan.—The matter will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 10.

Remission of land revenue.

Messrs. (1) B. Narayana Reddi, Bagepalli Taluk, and (2) Rudrappa and Seenappa, Hoskote Taluk.

Mr. Seenappa.—Remission of assessment may be granted for uncultivated wet lands this year on account of failure of timely rains.

Mr. Karnic Krishnamurti Rao.—Wherever crops have not been raised, remission should be given. Our representations are likely to be dismissed as having been made either too early or too late. According to Land Revenue Rules, dry rate of assessment may be taken when crops fail. This is the time to make our representation as the rains have failed now.

Mr. Vema Reddi.—Rains have failed, there is no water to drink and the raiyats are suffering. Remission of assessment shonld be granted.

Dewan.—The Revenue Commissioner will issue a circular to the Deputy Commissioners to report instances of failure of crops and Government will do whatever is possible on the recommendations of the Revenue Commissioner.

Mr. Ananthiah.—There are certain garden lands in Shimoga Taluk in which areca trees have dried up for want of rain. Such lands may be treated as wet lands.

Messrs. D. S. Hanumantha Rao & Krishnamurthyachar.—Some lands in Hoskote, Mulbagal and other places are classed as *bagayet* though there are not cocoanut or arecanut trees. They do not get any remission.

Dewan.—A circular will be issued directing such lands being treated as wet or made eligible for remission like wet lands.

SUBJECT No. 11.

Recovery of contribution for the restoration of tanks.

Mr. Krishnamurthyachar, Mulbagal Taluk.

Mr. Krishnamurthyachar.—Tanks are classified under two heads, major and minor and the rates of assessment are almost the same for both. Under major tanks, three or four crops can be grown, but minor